

"Well, it's been forty years and I know what he meant," said Phil.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to this very hardworking, civic-minded, selfless man who has contributed so much to this community. The Colorado Broadcasters "Broadcast Citizen of the Year" award is much deserved. He embodies the true American spirit.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF
THE UNITED STATES OPPOSES
H.R. 695, THE SAFE ACT

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 1, 1998

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, as you know every major police organization in the United States, representing millions of Americans strongly oppose H.R. 695. Now our veterans have joined their efforts to defeat the bill. I have included in the RECORD today a letter from the VFW which outlines their opposition to H.R. 695, the SAFE Act.

The 2.1 million members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars believe that the version of the bill reported by the Committees on Judiciary, International Relations and Commerce will be detrimental to our national security and law enforcement.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE
UNITED STATES,

Washington, DC, February 17, 1998.

Hon. Gerald B. Solomon,
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

Dear Mr. Solomon: On behalf of our 2.1 million members, the VFW thanks you for inviting us to the presentation you recently sponsored regarding the issue of encryption. We found the presentation to be extremely informative and persuasive.

Please be assured that the VFW fully agrees that there is a need for the law enforcement and intelligence communities to have an unfettered capability to counter terrorists and criminals, both domestic and foreign. We strongly support H.R. 695, the "Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act" as reported by the House National Security and Intelligence Committees, which calls for controlled government access through key recovery tools to decrypt information and communications that endanger our national security. We oppose the version of H.R. 695 reported by the Judiciary, International Relations and Commerce Committees because they failed to incorporate essential key recovery language. As America moves forward into the 21st century it is absolutely essential that we have the ability to keep pace with those who intend to bring us harm.

Again, thank you for inviting us to a most stimulating presentation. We look forward to working with you on this issue.

Sincerely,

KENNETH A. STEADMAN,
Executive Director.

IN HONOR OF THE OPENING OF
EDISON INTERNATIONAL FIELD
OF ANAHEIM AND OPENING DAY
OF THE ANAHEIM ANGELS BASE-
BALL SEASON, APRIL 1, 1998

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 1, 1998

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, tonight, I would like to join you in celebrating the opening of Edison International Field of Anaheim and the opening day of the Anaheim Angels baseball season. When the first ball is thrown out on the field tonight, we will be part of the history of this great American sport—baseball.

Baseball has been a part of our American history from the 19th century. From its earliest beginning, baseball has captivated the American audience in a most remarkable way. Baseball is synonymous with America. It is as American as the Fourth of July, apple pie, and the Star Spangled Banner.

Nothing has captured the imagination of America's young and old, as baseball. How many little leaguers dream of playing one day in the major leagues, the bright lights shining down on the field, the crowds cheering as a home run slides into home base. Baseball is our national pastime. We, as Americans, are proud of this sport. And, some of our greatest American heroes, have been baseball players—Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Mickey Mantle, Joe DiMaggio, Jackie Robinson.

Tonight, we again celebrate this most American of traditions. The new Edison Field has brought state of the art facilities to Orange County. With the new additions of seating for over 45,050 fans, a total of 108 executive style boxes and new dining facilities, the Edison Field stadium will continue to draw record crowds to see their favorite team, the Anaheim Angels play. It is so exciting to have this excellent team of baseball players representing Anaheim. We are so fortunate to have such a talented baseball team right here in Orange County.

Best wishes for a winning season!

HONORING HEAR O'ISRAEL OF
HOUSTON, TX

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 1, 1998

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a valued organization within the Houston community, Hear O'Israel, which is sponsoring Listen to the Cries of the Children National during the month of April 1998. Hear O'Israel works to make a difference in the lives of the disabled, battered and abused women, the elderly and young people across Houston. They work to give these men and women a stronger sense of self-worth and instill in them the need to treat others with compassion and respect. The following resolution approved by the Houston City Council demonstrates the high regard for Hear O'Israel in our community.

A RESOLUTION

LISTEN TO THE CRIES OF THE CHILDREN
NATIONAL

Hear O'Israel International, Inc., a non-profit, non-denominational organization will

sponsor Listen to the Cries of the Children National during the month of April 1998. Listen to the Cries of the Children National is designed to strengthen unity among families and enhance public awareness of the negative consequences that alcohol and drug abuse, family violence, child abuse, and gang activity have on children.

The Listen to the Cries of the Children National campaign will call attention to the plight of children around the world who are abused, neglected, physically challenged, or who do not have access to adequate food, shelter, clothing, and health care and are crying out for help. As a symbol of compassion for suffering children, Hear O'Israel International, Inc. will encourage supporters to turn on their automobile headlights and wear white ribbons during the observance.

The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Houston do hereby salute Hear O'Israel International, Inc. for its efforts to improve and enhance the quality of life for our children, and extend best wishes for a successful and rewarding campaign.

Approved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Houston this 26th day of March, 1998. A.D.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED
CAREER OF HERSCHEL MULLINS

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 1, 1998

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Herschel Mullins for marking his 60th anniversary as owner and founder of Mullins Jewelry.

On March 1, 1938, Mr. Mullins bought the business from the man for whom he worked as an apprentice for two years. Raised on a farm in the Florence community, Mr. Mullins traded in farming for repairing and selling clocks and jewelry. His love of working on clocks was a trait he inherited from his father.

A little over a year later, on July 5, 1939, Mr. Mullins married Mildred Alsup. Today, they have three sons, Charles, James and Thurman, nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Mullins Jewelry is one of few remaining family owned and operated businesses. His wife, sons and their wives and grandchildren work with him. The business, located on the South side of the square in Murfreesboro, needs no advertisements; it is sustained by word-of-mouth.

In addition to contributing to local commerce, Mr. Mullins has also contributed to his country and community. During World War II, he worked on aircraft instruments at Sky Harbor and Smyrna Air Force Base. Mr. Mullins has been involved in many local and civic activities, serving as past president of the Blackman Community Club and member of the Optimist club, March of Dimes fundraising committee and downtown improvement committees. He is a lifelong member of the Florence Church of Christ, where he serves as an elder.

Again, Mr. Mullins, congratulations on 60 years of successfully operating your family business. May the days to come be filled with the happiness of family and friends. Thank you for the contributions you have made to your country and the communities of Rutherford County.